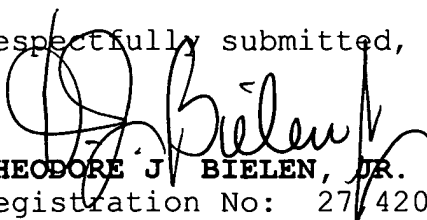


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The above amendment is submitted in response to the notice requiring Excess Claim Fees of 28 January 2008.

The applicant is now believed to be in condition for allowance and the passing to issue of the application at an early date is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,



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